THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (e) A proposal for sanction of a grant of Rs. 250 crore was received from Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal in the year 2006. However, subsequent to the discussion held with the representative of Bharat Bhavan, revised proposals amounting to a total of Rs. 93.43 lakhs were received by the Government in connection with various programmes proposed to mark the Rajat Jayanti of Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal.

These proposals were considered by Sangeet Natak Akademi, Lalit Kala Akademi and Sahitya Akademi under their respective schemes but could not the agree to due to paucity of funds in the case of Sangeet Natak Akademi and proposals not falling within parameters of schemes in the case of Lalit Kala Akademi and Sahitya Akademi.

Maintenance of Badrinath and Kedarnath Temples by ASI

1891. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to get the temples of Badrinath and Kedarnath in Uttarakhand, maintained by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether removal of encroachment in surrounding areas of Badrinath and Kedarnath temples is also included in this plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Assistance to folk and tribal art groups of Madhya Pradesh

†1892. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh Government has submitted a proposal to the Central Government of Rs. 21.68 lakh for buildings and undertakings of well known folk and tribal art groups of Madhya Pradesh through letter No. 1251 dated 18 August, 2006;

(b) if so, whether the above amount has been sanctioned; and

(c) the present position of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The proposal will be placed for consideration of the Expert Committee in its next meeting

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